

Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A method is disclosed for the sealing of hard shell capsules having coaxial body parts which overlap when telescopically joined. Also described is an apparatus to seal the capsules. The method comprises the steps of holding the capsule in a precise and upright position and injecting a ~~known~~ quantity of sealing fluid in the overlap of the body parts. An apparatus for performing the method is also disclosed. The apparatus comprises a sealing clamp (~~1, 11, 21, 31, 41, 51, 61~~) to hold the capsule in an upright position and means (~~5, 15, 25, 35, 45, 55, 65~~) to inject the sealing fluid in the overlap of the body parts.